

SAN JUAN LODGE No. 175 TRESTLEBOARD: January, 2024

Please be aware of the following upcoming events:

January 28: Football Playoffs potluck, BYOB, at Lodge Dining Room starting at noon.

February 2: FHAA Tigers Fundraiser, 5:00 to 7:00, volunteers to arrive as early as 3:00.

February 7: Stated Meeting at 7:30, preceded by social time at 5:30, dinner at 6:00, Temple Board meeting at 7:00.

February 11: Super Bowl watch party starting at 2:45, potluck, BYOB.

February 17: Sweethearts Brunch (by reservation only, sign ups still open), for Brothers and their Ladies, starts at 12:00 Noon.

March 6: Stated Meeting at 7:30, preceded by social time at 5:30, dinner at 6:00, Temple Board meeting at 7:00.

March 15-17: Lodge Leadership Training in Wenatchee (focus is training for Line Officers).

April 3: Stated Meeting at 7:30, preceded by social time at 5:30, dinner at 6:00, Temple Board meeting at 7:00.

April 13: Annual Visitation to our sister lodge, Goldstream Lodge No. 161, AF & AM of BC & Yukon. The Lodge, by reservation, provides the lodging for that night in Langford (Victoria) for Brothers and their Ladies. Please contact WM Jim Cox, 360-378-7748 if you plan to attend and need lodging for the evening. Open to San Juan brethren of all degrees.

May 1: Stated Meeting at 7:30, preceded by social time at 5:30, dinner at 6:00, Temple Board meeting at 7:00.

May 18: Salmon BBQ and Outdoor Fellowcraft Degree.

June 6: Table Lodge (7 course meal with 7 toasts) begins at 6:00, including Stated Meeting at 7:30, preceded by social time at 5:30, Temple Board meeting at 7:00.

Reports on prior events and travel:

November 1: Successful Step-up Night by the incoming officers at the Stated Meeting.

November 4: Langley Lodge No. 218 Open Installation & prime rib dinner at the Whidby Masonic Center in Coupeville was attended by WB Jim Cox, WB Ray Jackson, WB Terry Lush, WB Dave Shaw and B Neal Olson.

November 17: Visitation to Verity Lodge No. 59 in Kent by WB John Wickham, where the Stated Meeting included prove-ups on 3rd degree by Posting Lecture by 3 different Master Masons, as well as a 70 minute presentation on the spread of Freemasonry in Europe and Brother Mozart's use of Masonic symbols in his opera the Magic Flute.

November 18: Secretary-Treasurer Training in Federal Way attended by WB John Wickham.

November 18: Camanio Lodge No. 19 Open Installation & Dinner in Stanwood at the Lodge, WB John Wickham, and by WB Ray Jackson who did an outstanding presentation of the Address to the Brethren.

December 2: San Juan Lodge No. 175 Open Installation of Officers, Social Hour, Dinner, 3:00-9:00. WM Jim Cox was installed by MWB Sam Roberts, then WM installed the Junior Warden, then various dignitaries, including MWB Jim Mendoza, installed the other officers. An excellent prime rib dinner followed, kudos to WB Brad Smith and his crew.

December 6: San Juan Lodge No. 175 Stated Meeting concluded with WM Jim Cox educating the brethren present on the importance of the symbol of the Beehive.

December 9: Constitution of Skagit Valley Lodge No. 36 from Mt Baker Lodge No. 36, Garfield Lodge No. 41 and Burlington/United Lodge No. 93, at the Skagit Valley Masonic Center in Sedro-Woolley, performed by MW Grand Master Steve Martin and his team, followed by the Installation of Officers, attended by WM Jim Cox, WB Mike Otis, WB Daven Holzer & WB John Wickham, followed by the Fidalgo Lodge No. 77 Installation at in Anacortes, attended by WB Daven Holzer & WB John Wickham.

January 3: San Juan Lodge Stated Meeting concluded with WM Jim Cox reporting on an inspirational lecture by the Grand Master of BC & Yukon.

January 4: Visitation by WM Jim Cox, B Kevin Holmes and WB John Wickham to Goldstream Lodge No. 161 to attend their Stated Meeting and Fellowcraft Degree Conferral, which included the first time they have included our Middle Chamber Lecture in their FC Conferral. The lecture was presented in most excellent form by WB Aaron Weisgerber who has presented it before at the Mausoleum. It was WM Brian Mitchell's first degree conferral, and was attended by MWGM of BC & Yukon and the Grand Suite. This excellent degree was coordinated by VWB Andrew Ross as Director of Ceremonies.

January 20: The District 9 Meeting with the MW Grand Master Steve Martin at Fidalgo Lodge No. 77 in Anacortes was attended by WM Jim Cox, WB John Wickham, and Brothers Clay Simmons, Valdi Bjarnason, & Jeremy Fedarko. Reports were made by each Lodge regarding the last year and the upcoming year. Service awards were given out, including a pin presented by the Grand Master to each brother present who had served in the military. The 4 candidates for Junior Grand Warden each made presentations on what they expect to accomplish in their

years in the Grand Suite. The elected Grand Lodge Officers advocated for the Grand Master's resolutions to be considered at the Annual Communication this June. Many brothers stayed after the meeting to mingle and enjoy brotherly love and friendship.

Sincerely & Fraternally,
John Wickham, Secretary
San Juan Lodge No. 175, F & AM of Washington